Fort Collins, Colo.

October 25, 1915.

Dear Presbyterial Presidents:

We regret that we were not able to help you in the formation of your Synodical organization, but we still stand ready as a Synodical Executive Committee, to be of any assistance to you that we can.

We were instructed by the Executive Committee in session at Fort Collins, October 19, to write to you inviting you to continue your affiliations with the Colorado Synodical Society for another year if that meets your desires. However, if you feel that you wish to effect your own Synodical Organization, as is customary when a state becomes a separate Synod, we will wish you God speed, and stand ready to help you in any way we can.

Since our apportionments must be prepared not later than early in January, we must know your decision by the first of December that the Wyoming Presbyterial may be included or excluded from the apportionments.

We cannot, of course, promise you a Synodical or even a Board representative to help in forming your Synodical Organization, since we have so small a Synodical contingent fund, and since the Board of the North West has alre dy born Mrs. Silverthorn's expenses for this unrealized purpose. However, if you should hold your organization meeting at Cheyenne, we will try to send Mrs. Klene to you. In any case we shall be glad to help through correspondance, with council and advice, if you desire such help.

We think it has been made clear to you that you are a part of the Colorado Synodical Society until such a time as you form your separate Synodical Organization, so that your money should in any case, be sent as usual for the Synodical objects and apportionments as designated in the February News Letter, 1915, pp. 3 until the close of the present fiscal year, March first, 1916. Unless you do form a separate Synodical Society before that time, Your Synodical Contingent fund should be sent to Mrs. Hensley as usual.

If you do mean to organize this fall or previous to March first, you had best keep the contingent fund to help towards paying

the expenses of the Presbyterial representatives to your Organization Meeting.

At any rate you must let Mrs. Klene know your decision before December first.

We deeply regret that there was any misunderstanding regarding the disposition of your funds, but as we have tried to make the matter clear, and as we have acted by and with the advice of the two Boards, and as we had begun to lay the plan before you last February repeating it in many letters following, both the question of disposition of funds and the time and place of your meeting for organization we cannot see how we could have clarified the whole situation any further.

If you recall, the statement has been made and reiterated that since the Synodical and Presbyterial or Fiscal year are not coincident, and since the Assembly did not give Wyoming the privilege of becoming a Synod until May, you had no organization last April to assume and apportion a budget; therefore your gifts of necessity, have to apply to the Colorado Synodical Budget until the end of the present fiscal year, March first, 1916.

Appreciating your difficulties of distance, lack of funds and press and multiplicity of duties, because we have had these same conditions to confr ont ever since we have been in the work in Colorado, we trust that whatever your decision may be, this may be a year of spiritual and financial growth for Wyoming women.

Yours in the service,

Copy of letter sent
to all Pres. presi-
dents & treasurers
of Wyoming.

My Dear Mrs Klene.

Yours recd. I think it is decided I am will. on ho synodical until after April 1st 16. I do not think it will be possible to organize for a few years yet. I understood we still remain a part of Colo Sym. and will see the Continent is read and also the appointment to the proper person. Have just sent $5-00 foreign money. When the time comes to organize I am sure we shall want plenty of help. Sincerely
Delia A Swan

Nov 4-15-
Cheyenne Wyo.

Kelly.

Letter from
Pres. President
of Cheyenne.

Extract from a letter received Jan. 4th, 1916, by Foreign Corresponding Secretary Mrs. E. C. Hensley, from Mrs. M. DE Witt Long, Presbyterial President, Sheridan Presbytery, Wyoming:

"I reached home shortly before Christmas, and found a letter from Mrs. Silverthorn and Mrs. Klene, which my husband had not forwarded to me. In the short time since I have consulted the Presbyterial Secretary who lives in this city, also the members of the Sheridan Missionary Society, who comprise half the members of all the Societies in this Presbyterial, and also meet half the Budget, all feel that we will not be able to organize our own Synodical while we are paying to the Colorado Budget, so this year Sheridan Presbyterial wishes to use what funds are necessary to organize Wyoming Synodical. I think we must try to arrange this matter in the Spring, and begin with the fiscal year to pay toward a separate Budget. I am writing these things to you in order that you may inform the Executive and also because the time was so short, and I felt this was the surest way of reaching Mrs. Klene and Mrs. Silverthorn. I visited at the Board North West Rooms while in Chicago, and talked this matter over with them, and it is by their advice as well as our own judgment that we have decided to use what funds are necessary from our Treasury to complete our organization for Wyoming. I may be able to arrange for a meeting with Cheyenne and Laramie soon, at least I hope to have everything arranged by the beginning of the fiscal year.

D. K. E.

149 Dwight Place,,
Englewood, N. J.,
Jan. 19, 1916.

Mrs. A. L. Berry,
Room 48,
509 South Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Berry:-

I am enclosing a copy of your letter to Mrs. Waters and the original, that you may be certain that there was no mistake in the letter that was sent.

While I am dictating, the New York Board is meeting. I assure you that it is not easy to know that all has been done that can be and that we must sit quietly now and wait any action that the Board of Managers may deem best to take.

I have not had an opportunity to do much on my Minutes yet, but have made a beginning and by the time yours are ready, I think I shall be prepared to proceed at once in the matter of putting the two sets together. We are having much demand from the Field for reports on Chicago actions and I shall be glad when we can send out something definite to these people.

Meanwhile I have just received from Mrs. Klene of Colorado, a letter relative to the erection of a Synodical Society in Wyoming and the adjustment of the Colorado budget in view of Wyoming's withdrawal. Mrs. Klene says that in the Fall the Board of the Northwest sent Mrs. Silverthorn into Wyoming, but that she could not meet anyone except Mrs. Swan of Cheyenne. Mrs. Klene further says that

they are now communicating with you on the situation, sending to you, as to me, copies of the correspondence.

This seems to be a very practical case to illustrate our efforts towards co-operation. If we can give the same advice at this time, we will surely simplify matters for both Colorado and Wyoming, and any disagreement on our part will cause confusion.

Mrs. Klene further says that your Board "Reports Wyoming as having fifteen societies - Cheyenne five, Laramie four, Sheridan six. However, for the last two years there has only been one society in Cheyenne Presbytery, that is, Cheyenne itself.

Colorado Synodical seems to have budgeted these three Presbyteries for $265. for the Woman's Board of Home Missions and $115. for Freedmen for the year 1916-17. Of course, all this matter of the budget would have to be re-adjusted with both Colorado and Wyoming.

In the By-Laws of the Woman's Board we have an action that "no new synodical society shall be organized with less than fifteen (15) woman's auxiliary societies." This action was taken owing to some situations that had arisen in the South and has seemed to us a wise one, for the expense of holding synodical meetings for a lesser number of organizations than fifteen would seem to be insurmountable.

This letter from Colorado has just come to me at my home and I have not had an opportunity to consult the officers at New York as to details, but thought it best to take the matter up with you at once before you shall have written to either Colorado or Wyoming further in the matter. As Mrs. Silverthorn was West you probably are prepared to speak more fully in this matter than I am, and I shall be very glad to hear from you concerning it.

Signed W. T. Bennett

"Salvation through Jesus Christ not only a treasure, but as well a trust."

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST
Presbyterian Offices, Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Ave.
CHICAGO

January 22nd, 1916.

My dear Mrs.Bennett;-

The papers and your letter came safely to hand. Thank you so much for all of your trouble and kindness. It would have been a serious handicap that afternoon going in to New York to have added the weight of those papers to my suit case. It was very interesting to receive your letter about Wyoming and Colorado about half an hour after we had voted that I would take the matter up with you.

Following our usual procedure when a state becomes a separate Synod,we advised Colorado to suggest that Wyoming organize their own Synodical Society,if they so desired. Colorado wrote a very cordial letter,saying they would be glad to continue the affiliation,but if Wyoming desired a separate organization,all would be done to help in its organization. Nothing definite came of this,or later of Mrs.Silverthorn's visit to Wyoming. The situation seems to be that Mrs.Swan of Cheyenne is opposed to a separate Synodical Society,and Mrs. Long of Sheridan favors it,with the third Presbyterial not heard from. Mrs.Silverthorn writes that she thinks it is up to the Boards to settle. Our reason for thinking it might be wise to separate was the small results obtained through the "nurture" of Colorado.With a small contingent fund,the great distances and high R.R.fare,there was almost no visitation by the Colorado Society. There was a hope that Wyoming might wake up and do something if a greater responsibility was placed on her. However I doubt now if there is material for a Society that would really amount to anything. While we have fifteen societies listed this year,only eleven have sent contributions and according to our rule,if the others do not send gifts this year,they will be dropped from our list. Since you have an action in your By-Laws that covers this case,I am sure that we will agree to cooperate in the action that your Board may take.

I have written Mrs.Silverhorn to say nothing further,or rather to write nothing further until we hear from your Board.

I am very glad for this opportunity for our Boards to act in unison,and hope it is the beginning of better days.

Not a word from New York. Do you think they have decided not to know me? I was glad to get the copy of my letter to Mrs. Waters,for I was beginning to wonder if I had said something very dreadful. But really it read better than I remembered,and I am relieved. Of course I cannot finish tabulating the actions of the Board until New York is heard from. It will take only a day or two to finish up my work after I recive their report.

Mrs.Williamson and Mrs.Vickers are both ill with Grippe,so I have not seen either since my return.

With love, Faithfully yours,

Mildred Berry

January 28, 1916.

Mrs. A.L.Berry,
Room 48,
509 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Berry:-

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just sent to Mrs. Klene about the Wyoming situation. It is true that there do not seem to be the necessary fifteen societies in the Synod but it is our thought that for this coming year we shall have to work Presbyterially anyway, and we hope that after some one has been out to Wyoming and worked over the matter there may be the needed number of organizations. I have understood in sending this letter that I have been following the thought of the Board of the North West in regard to the separation of Wyoming from Colorado. There were some who wished to stay with Colorado, but as there were also those who wished to be apart, and as this letter is the logical thing to be done since Wyoming has become a Synod, we felt that this was the only recommendation for us to make.

As I say in this letter we shall take no steps further until we have heard from Mrs. Klene, but I expect we shall hear at once. I hope we may adjust appropriations now that there may be no question for next year.

Our thought is to send Miss Upham to Wyoming for a fairly long stay-long enough to see the women that should be seen, to organize societies where needed ,etc. Would you be willing to have Miss Upham the only one who goes on this trip or shall you send some one there too. We would have been glad to leave this to your Board except that we feel that Mrs. Silverthron has perhaps been too close in this matter to be the one to go. Miss Upham would of course organize joint societies.

Miss Hubbard held out against the General Committee last Wednesday I hear. Shall we go ahead without the New York Board?

With very much love,

Faithfully yours,

January 28, 1916.

Mrs. J.G. Klene,
327 Matthews Street,
Fort Collins, Col.

My dear Mrs. Klene:-

I am sorry not to have been able to reply more promptly to your letter of January 12th, but there were in it matters that needed consideration by all the officers before we should advise you. The situation regarding Wyoming is not an easy one, and there are arguments for keeping Colorado and Wyoming to gether, as well as for separating them. It is, however, our opinion that as Wyoming has been erected as a Synod, it will be wisest to recognize the women's organizations independently of another Synod. This might with advantage wait for another year or two, but there are some complications always- such as the not unnatural desire of the churches that reports shalll clearly show what the women of the Synod are doing- so it would seem as though the step might be taken on April 1st, 1916.

For the year closing March 31st next, the gifts from Wyoming will be reported with those of Colorado as heretofore, apportionments having been made in that way. After that date Colorado would not be expected to assume the amounts given by Cheyenne, Laramie and Sheridan, but it would seem as though it would be best to have the apportionments for 1916-'17 revamped at once and to make now all the necess ry changes. Miss Fish will be very glad to rearrange these apportionments so soon as we shall hear that

this plan meets with your appro al. There would be but little delay in getting the new figures to you and unless the Presbyterial Presidents have already sent to local societies it would seem bette to make the change now. Do you not think so? In that case a line from you to these Presidents asking them not to send out apportionments until further notice would prevent confusion.

You understand we can ask the Wyoming Presbyterials to accept from the Board the assignments already made them by Colorado, and we will do so if it is already too late to change, but it does seem that it would be better to adjust objects now if not too late. Then Colorado can have objects in full and Wyoming an object of her own, and the change in method would perhaps be more easy to explain if apportionments were altered at the same time.

Will you be good enough to indicate at once Colorado's wish as to these apportionments? If you desire that for the coming year objects remain as they are, please send us the the apportionments for Wyoming that we may send them on. For this year it will doubtless be necessary that Wyoming be reached by communications directly to the Presbyterial Presidents pending the formation of a Synodical Society, but we shall be careful to note that this is exceptional and tentative.

Meanwhile we shall not write Wyoming until we have heard from you.

The Board of the North West expresses itself as most ready to cooperate with us in this matter and I feel sure that there

will be no confusion by having different advice from two different sources. It will be necessary to send some one to Wyoming this Spring to help them in organizing, and I feel quite sure that the two Boards will be able to agree on one worker to serve in this way. It will be desirable that the one who goes shall see all the Presbyterial Presidents, carefully note available women and get thoroughly in touch with the situation. I am sure one equal to the need can be sent.

Colorado having carefully nurtured Wyoming through the years of her infancy finds herself now in the position of a mother whose children have grown to independence: she can be released from her responsibility and enjoy the success she rightly feels to be due to her past care. There is, of course, some sadness in seeing the children go out to do for themselves, but on the whole she rejoices in their increasing strength.

I shall await your reply before taking any further steps in this matter.

Believe me, that I am,

Most cordially yours,

D. F.

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Ft. Collins, Colo., Jan. 12, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

The officers of Colorado Synodical asked the help of the Board of Home Missions in clarifying the situation in Wyoming as to their organization as a separate Synodical. It was suggested that Wyoming should be separately organized soon after Wyoming became a Synod. This seemed to be the wish of some of their officers.

There began to be some delay in the sending in of their funds which they had accepted as their apportionment, and the reason given was that they would need that money for organization. We did not press the matter , but in the Fall, the Board of the North West sent Mrs. Silverthorn into Wyoming with a view of organizing. She met but one of the officers ~~of the Synodical~~, Mrs. Swan, of Cheyenne, & not another woman.

At our Executive Meeting, in October, Mrs. Silverthorn and I were asked to correspond with the Wyoming presidents as to their desire in the matter of organization. I am enclosing a copy of the letter we sent to each of the Presbyterial presidents and Treasurers, also a reply from Mrs. Swan which came very promptly. Thinking that she knew the situation fairly well, and that Wyoming would not be ready to organize for some time, we apportioned to them for 1916-17 what we thot their share of apportionment sent to us by the Boards. On the next day after these apportionments were made out, we held our January Executive Meeting in Denver. To that meeting came a letter from Mrs. Long of Sheridan, which completely upset all that we had done.

After much discussion, we thot best to send copies of the correspondence and the full statement of the situation, as it appears to us, both to the Board of Home Missions and to the Board of the North West.

If it is thot best to organize Wyoming in the Spring, we would like to have someone from the Board to arrange the matter, and meet with the women. Also, if they are organized separately, that the Board reapportion to them what we have set aside as wyoming's share in our apportionment. The Colorado presidents refuse to take over all Wyoming's pledges now. Re-arrangements may be made another year, and we may take in entirety certain salaries, etc., and have other items given Wyoming, that is, we will want a whole missionary, rather than a piece of one,

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the whole of Kirkwood Memorial, rather than a part of it, etc.

The Board of the North West reports Wyoming as having fifteen societies - Cheyenne, five, Laramie four, Sheridan, six. However, for the last two years, there has only been one society in Cheyenne Presbytery, that is// Cheyenne itself.

Will you please consult with the members of the Board, especially Miss Fish, in regard to te situation? We would also ask that your Board write both Mrs. Long and Mrs. Swan as to your view of the matter. It seems that Mrs. Long especially rather feels that Colorado isasking more of Wyoming than her share, but we have been very conscientious in the matter, and have tried to give them what we felt they could do - Cheyenne having said this year that they could take a larger apportionment for next year. This was their own suggestion.

We feel that we have gone as far as we can in the matter without some very definite instruction. Mrs. Brown of Laramie, tho a good woman, is absolutely impossible as a President, yet she remains. The other two both are better, but I think Mrs. Long would make the better president for Synodical. But she too, is a pastor's wife & they have been trying to get away. So here we are. Do help us out of it.

(Over)

There would not need to be representatives from both Boards, I think, if they organize, but we can arrange that later. I am very much puzzled as to what to do about a Board speaker for our Presbyterials. Am writing Mrs. Gildersleeve + enclosing correspondence. It would possibly be wiser to let our dear Presbyterials just wait until they really are willing to make the effort needed. Denver never wants anyone.

Possibly the money would be much more profitably spent in Wyoming that it would cost for a speaker to go to our meetings - scattered as they are + some conflicts.

Sorry to cast this burden on you, but we just cannot seem to get Wyoming anywhere.

Very cordially
Sarah T. Kleese.

Delighted that we are to have Miss Hoff. Our Y.W. president met her in Estes + is so happy over her coming to C.A.C. (Mrs. J.S.)

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Ft. Collins,
Feb. 2 - 1916.

My dear Mrs. Pennett:

I was not expecting an answer sooner, for I felt that you would give the matter in connection with my letter serious consideration.

I feel that you have decided for the best of the work, and I feel as I expressed it at the Ex. meeting in Denver, that Wyoming will do its best work as a separate Synodical. They have terrible obstacles to overcome, however, new territory moving people, tremendous distances and a good deal of indifference. It is bad enough along these lines in Colorado, but poor Wy-

oming is worse.

I, for my part, very gladly accept your plan to re-apportion the amount for Colorado and to give to Wyoming something of its own, direct from the Board. Why I spoke as I did was that it had been suggested that Colorado take over the full amount given to both, - that that would be expected of us. But I knew it could not be accomplished - at least just now.

Because of the uncertainty, we have held all apportionments, notifying the presbyterial presidents that they would receive them after certain adjustments had been made. So I shall be glad to accept from Miss Fish, a new apportionment sheet, ~~from~~ for Colorado.

I ask however that no more, in total, be given than was our

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share under our present plan. The facts are we have been advanced in years past at too rapid a rate, and now there seems a re-action. I wish if it were possible, in the eyes of the Boards, that we be given a little less, then we can large advance and specials. We cannot consistently do so now, when we know the hopless struggle that is going on in a number of these Presbyteries, to meet what we have asked.

Like the boy in jumping, I'd rather take a few steps backward & thus get a good start.

My difficulty about the new plan is that it means that I shall have to be responsible for

re-apportionments. Mrs. Silverthorn & Mrs. Hensley, both being in Denver did the most of this work. I shall do my best tho', & have Mrs. Hensley help me; & if necessary Mrs Robinson of Colo. Spring, acting president is Mrs. Hensley & I shall meet in Denver & go over it.

Mrs. Silverthorn will be home for a few days about the 12th. but we will not be able to have the apportionments by that time.

I know I am speaking the voice of the Executive, in accepting your plan.

Now as to some one to visit Wyo. & Colo.

There is conflict with us in all of Wyoming's dates. Cheyenne is willing to change her date if necessary.

I feel that at this time Wyoming needs very great help. If a representative person can go in there & be at

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their meeting, spending the time between, in the larger societies, preparatory to the new work, that it will save a great deal of confusion and discouragement later.

Miss Baker of the Freedmen Board would like to come out to Colo., but we could not well have two Board representatives because of the amount of money required for one being more than some Presidents want to provide for.

We could not have Miss Upham in Colo., if she should be sent to Wyoming, because of conflict.

We'd love to have her & you have certainly made it possible, but

it depends now on whether she goes to Wyoming. If it is still your plan to send her to Colo. she will not have miss Barr. We are not asking for a speaker for Colorado if it means the expense to the Board for one for Colo. as well as one - or a share in one's expense - for Wyo.

We are very willing, Mrs. Bennett, to let this matter rest with you & the Board. We will do the best we can here and when the new plans all come down to us & are set settled into new & perhaps better ways, we certainly can do something in a more creditable way.

I am willing to help the Wyo. presidents in any way I can.

I would suggest that Mrs. Long arrange the itinerary for whoever comes from the Boards to help them. She knows the state better than the others I think.

We shall feel a very kindly interest in the new Synoptical.

Very cordially Sarah T. Klene.

"Salvation through Jesus Christ not only a treasure, but as well a trust."

D. M. F.

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST
Presbyterian Offices, Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Ave.
CHICAGO

February
Five,
Nineteen Sixteen.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett:

Your letter enclosing one from Mrs. Klene about the Wyoming situation was received in time for me to present it to our Executive Committee.

We are very glad to co-operate in your plan for the separation of Wyoming from Colorado. We are delighted at your proposal to send Miss Upham to Wyoming for a fairly long stay. This seems to us the wisest solution of the problem. Our Board voted yesterday that we wish to be allowed to share the expense of Miss Upham's visit to Wyoming. When you have heard again from Mrs. Klene, we will take up the matter of aportionments, as outlined in your letter to her of January 28th. As her work will be organization and inspiration rather than information of the fields, she can represent Missions in the broadest sense.

A letter this morning from Mrs. Waters tells me that she has written you asking your opinion on the question submitted to me. This probably means a delay of another week at least. I rushed the matter through hoping that whatever met last Wednesday - whether managers or executive, and I am so mixed I don't know one from the other - would take final action, but alas - there seems to be no limit to the postponements.

With love

Faithfully yours,

(Mrs. A. L.) Mildred Berry

President.

New York, February 9, 1916.

Mrs. M. DeWitt Long,
159 Whitney Street,
Sheridan, Wyoming.

My dear Mrs. Long:-

With exceeding interest the Woman's Board of Home Missions has been following the development of organization of church and missionary activities in the State of Wyoming.

From Mrs. Klene has come to us a copy of her letter to you, dated October 25th. There has also come through Mrs. E. C. Hemsley, by way of Mrs. Klene, the copy of your letter to her early in January.

We appreciate the uncertainties in your mind in connection with the proposal to organize at this time, or in the near future, the Synodical Society of Wyoming. Inasmuch as the women's work in Wyoming has had no definite opportunity for rapid development and as there are so few local societies, the best solution of the varying problems seems to us to be that the woman's missionary work in Wyoming be carried on for the present through the Presbyterial organizations. In such scattered congregations, until the work of the woman's missionary societies should have become better organized, the policy of dealing with the Presbyterial Societies rather than forcing a synodical organization has been found to work well in other sections which are now organized synodically.

Colorado is willing to work as a synodical society, releasing from its organization the three Presbyterial Societies of Cheyenne, Laramie and Sheridan after the close of the fiscal year, March 31, 1916. Until that date, of course, the Wyoming organizations will expect to contribute as members of the Colorado Synodical Society, as heretofore.

Under a plan to work as Presbyterial societies for the present, the Wyoming women will not need to hold any funds in reserve toward arranging for a future synodical treasury, either for benevolent funds or for the contingent fund. All contributions can continue on an unchanged basis until the end of March, after which Colorado is willing to take her own apportionments and to leave the way clear for the Wyoming organizations to develop along the lines which shall in time result in synodical organization.

In order that the work may be furthered as effectively as possible, it is planned to send Miss Abby H. J. Upham, one of the field secretaries of our Woman's Board of Home Missions, who has visited Wyoming before and whom, therefore, you doubtless know, to Wyoming for a long stay. She will be available for use in such places and at such times within the bounds of your Presbyterial Societies as you shall be able to arrange from

early in April until after the middle of May. She will come to you out of large experience, both in the mission field and in organization work.

Inasmuch as her main purpose will be not to present field work but to take up organization activities, the Woman's Board of the Northwest has voted to share her expense. She will, therefore, represent the two Boards and the organization promotion will be in behalf of both Home and Foreign Missions.

With reference to the apportionments you may expect to receive from our Treasurer, Miss Dora M. Fish, full information so that you will know what to lay before your Presbyterial organizations in the line of gifts for the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

A similar letter is going to Mrs. Davis, of Laramie Presbyterial Society, and Mrs. Swan, of Cheyenne Presbyterial Society. It will be desirable for you to consult together in order that there may be a somewhat uniform preparation for Miss Upham's visit throughout her entire stay and that there shall be no misunderstanding on the part of any regarding her visit. Mrs. Gildersleeve is writing you more fully as to her ~~visit~~ coming.

We shall be glad to hear from you concerning your pleasure in connection with the proposed plan and any suggestions as to how it can be best worked out.

With cordial greetings and earnest interest in the development of the Presbyterian Woman's Societies in Wyoming, believe me, on behalf of the Board,

Cordially,

L/S

March 13, 1916.

Miss Abby H.J. Upham,
1523 East Third St.,
Duluth, Minn.

My dear Miss Upham:

I have not been able for a week to find a free hour when I could dictate letters - hence the delay in replying to your letter of March 2. Before it came I had been planning to write you as to the Wyoming situation for having definitely advised the separation from Colorado I feel a decided responsibility. My reason for advising the separation was that as Wyoming had been erected into a separate Synod I felt sure that there would be an early demand that the women be organized separately from Colorado; as the question had already been raised and one at least of the three Presbyterial Presidents favored it, there seemed nothing to be gained by delay. I asked that copies of the letters from Mrs. Klene be sent you and suppose that you have received them and understand how the matter came under discussion.

Do you have access to a volume of the Minutes of General Assembly so that when you are going to a new field, as Wyoming, you can study up the number and relative strength of churches in each Presbytery? I have been going to ask this question often but seemed to overlook it. Of course, each minister has a copy and you can borrow and get needed data. If you have had the opportunity to do this regarding Wyoming you know how few and weak the churches are, and can also conclude that as last year there were but eleven contributing women's societies, that not all of those few churches are thus organized. We hope that you can at least raise the number to fifteen as we do not want to recognize a Synodical Society with a fewer number of organizations, yet we are conscious that to refuse recognition might be difficult - and not quite in order.

It has been the plan that until April 1, 1916; i/e. until the close of this fiscal year, Wyoming should be considered as Colorado territory and send funds to be credited to Colorado as heretofore. After that date Colorado will have no care for Wyoming and we will send apportionments for 1916-17 to the three Presbyterial Societies, Laramie, Cheyenne and Sheridan, and will continue to treat them Presbyterially until such time as they can form a Synodical

Miss Abby H.J. Upham.

organization - with the definite understanding that this is not to be delayed unduly. I emphasize this point as being important because of a certain Western sentiment looking toward the abolishment of the Synodical organization. We shall be glad to have you organize Wyoming Synodically while you are there if you can secure a few new societies and find women who can carry on the work understandingly and who will really form a medium of communication between headquarters and the Presbyterials. If you cannot find such we shall have to wait for a time. But I would advise that you keep the ideal ever in mind and that you urge it as may be possible. There is a certain danger in having the Presbyterials get in the habit of looking to New York for any length of time: they will not then want to turn back to a Synodical.

I understand that Mrs. Klene has offered to help Wyoming organize. As you are to be there this will hardly be necessary and I think perhaps things will be more clear to the women not clear on organization if no Colorado woman is involved. This does not at all reflect on Mrs. Klene whom I both like and admire.

The great difficulties are women and money for traveling expenses - I feel that as to this letter we may have to help with some initial expense in forming a Synodical and look to you to advise us. Money spent at Chicago was well spent - this may be the case in setting up a new organization.

On April 1 next, the North Pacific Board will become a Foreign Mission Board and we shall take over all the Home Mission work in their territory - at their request! This is the big outstanding thing accomplished by Chicago - isn't it fine? Mrs. Gildersleeve goes there for some weeks.

I hope you may have a very happy and very successful trip in Wyoming - and one that is not too wearying. We shall think of you and pray for you, and I shall always be glad to hear of your progress.

Faithfully yours,

B/M.

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Anadarka
Oklahoma
March 2nd

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Mrs. Gildersleeve has told me of the Wyoming situation but it struck me that I would very much like to know your views on it in writing. Perhaps this may seem unnecessary but I do want to know two things —

1st When the Wyoming societies grow to 15, if they do so, would you think a Synodical should be organized?

2nd Do you mean by "we expect to treat Wyoming Presbyterially" this year

that Colorado is not her enemy in any way?

I can see that these two questions would enter in & on that account wanted to know your opinion ahead. As I am in a certain sense to represent the Board & the North-West it seems only courteous to ask them. Berry likes his questions also.

I do hope our dearest lady is well this winter as we want her to be. I mean to try very hard to make good in Wyoming

With love to you

Yours sincerely

Abby H. J. Wyman

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Laramie
January 22nd.

(Personal)

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I am inclosing a brief statement of conditions after talking to all three Presidents & quietly sounding the ministers. They did not like my sounding me, but I told them I had no opinion on the subject at all & could not until I had gone over the field.

One of the difficulties has been that the B. of the H. Ds. practically told them to go ahead, if Mrs. Long is correct. Then when Mrs. Coy wrote me she said (quoted exactly) "We are asking that you find Pierce for the Synodical & go about and organize the Wyoming Synodical".

"We hope also that you will organize their Presbyterial societies".
That last is impossible as the women can not have more than the men & they have only the 3.
So is taking all the patience & diplomacy possible & I wish some one else had the job, but Honors they like me & already Cheyenne & the others have better feelings toward each other since I came.
Will you have one of the girls have the enclosed typewritten copy forwarded to Chicago. If the Boards see fit of course I will do my best to put the wobbly state on its feet at least.
Can you give me your order right away?
Always loyally
Mary H. J. Upham
(Ben P. S.)

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P. S. Mrs. W. C. Brown, Laramie will forward mail for wife.

Mrs. Coy wrote they were paying half my salary as well as expense. On that account I talked Foreign just a little at the women's meetings (local) but the popular addresses were always home only.

Since receiving my different instructions about local givings to load them as we send for our General Fund.

A. M. L.

THE WYOMING SITUATION.

PRO AND CON.

Pro:

1. The women in two Presbyterials want it very much and in the third voted for a Synodical as soon as possible. They are willing to provide entertainment for the day of organization as Cheyenne is the most central.

2. Will have to organize soon if at all. If they organize themselves by correspondence there will be trouble. Cheyenne already says "If not necessary now, why ever?"

3. Competition between Presbyterials would be stimulating and conference over methods and difficulties would helpgrowth. Hitherto they have all felt far away from Colorado and had not the same loyalty as they would to their own state.

4. An organization on paper better than none to force growth.

5. A central authority better for the Board in making itineraries and plans. For instance every one acted independently about my trip. There was confusion and hard feelings. I had to spend time and money making the best dates I could.

6. The ministers would help better. They want to appear well as a state now and would stand back of it more this year than next even.

7. Have organized one society and re-organized one already and undoubtedly can more.

8. Wyoming has a big future in oil. In five years she will be competing with Oklahoma. Then everybody will be building big churches and if uneducated in missions while poor will be hard to rouse.

9. Synods meets in Cheyenne which would bring a Synodical meeting of women, of ministers wives alone.

10. I have already discovered two women who would make splendid Presidents. One is now President of the State Federated Clubs, young, charming and consecrated. The other is older, about fifty, but rich and could travel at her own expense. Both are willing to help "whenever needed for Wyoming" for both want the Synodical. Both have had Presbyterial experience and as not President of Presbyterial now there would not be the same feeling about being chosen to oversee the others.

CON.

1. Terriby weak. Only ten societies when I entered, most of which are struggling. (See number of members following)

2, If a minister leaves or a prominent woman, a society may die anytime. S. S. missionaries say they must organize the same SS. sometimes twice a year.

3. Wyoming has grown but little in three years and will grow slowly for the next three unless the oil boom opens very soon.

4. The organization will practically be in name only and perhaps can have no meeting of any account for several years.

5. Contingent fund is pitifully small in Presbyterials and in Synodical practically nil.

6. Expense of mountain travel and distances would prevent delegates or even officers attending Synodical for several years. For instance churches are often three hundred or four hundred miles apart and Presbyteries six and seven hundred.

7. If the officers moved away there are few strong women to take their places.

8. Feel they could not afford to pay expense of Mrs. Long to central point. She feels she can't. Expense might be only $35 but likely would be nearer $40.

9. Very few women I would like to risk as President. Mrs. Long is the strongest executively already in office and has organized every church almost in her Presbytery, but she is not at all strong physically.

WYOMING

LARGEST CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF CHURCH MEMBERS.

Cheyenne	
Burns	68
Cheyenne	339
Hillsdale	54
Sunrise	36
Lingle	54
Casper	92
Laramie	
Evanston	75
Saratoga	84
Laramie	303
Rawlins	56
Cokeville	31
Mt. View	
Sheridan	
Thermopolis	61
Sheridan	235
Powell	193
Cody	56
Basin	49
Greybull	46
Moorcroft	43

Per File

April 28, 1916.

Mrs. L. M. Coy,
Room 48,
509 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Coy:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter from Miss Upham addressed to both you and me, with the "Pro's and Con's" of the Wyoming situation. You will also find copies of my telegram and letter to Miss Upham. It is my understanding that it is the desire of the Board of the North West that Wyoming be organized synodically while Miss Upham is there if this be possible. If this is not so, or if you desire to add anything to what I have written please do so. In that case I should be grateful for a copy of your letter that the situation may be kept clear.

You will understand, of course, in what I have written as to finances that I am not binding your Board to such an agreement, though you are kindly bearing one-half of expenses of Miss Upham.

Believe me, that I am,

Very sincerely yours,

B/L
Enc.

WESTERN UNION

NIGHT LETTER

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, VICE-PRESIDENT NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT BELVIDERE BROOKS, VICE-PRE

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK

SEND the following Night Letter, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

April 28, 1916.

Miss Abby H. J. Upham,
c/o Mrs. M. C. Brown,
Laramie,
Wyoming.

Try to bring number societies to fifteen and organize Synodical if possible. Otherwise, plan for organization to be completed October. Authorize you to meet such expenses women to meeting place as you feel necessary to secure understanding. Do not ask gifts toward speaker's expenses unless best. Writing fully.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett.

Paid.

April 28 1916.

Miss Abby H. Gleason,
c/o Mrs. M. E. Brown, Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Miss Gleason:—

Your letter with "Pres. and Civ." & Wyoming situation has made us realize, in some measure at least, how difficult your work is at present, & how much faithful "good man" friends you must have. We are sending you a night letter to suggest a course of action and to relieve somewhat your anxiety: but the sufficiently explicit telegram will not. In the first place as we see it Abby you are with the situation we have & your judgment must decide. And shall leave that you are your true & wise best to you. If you feel in real danger of [illegible]

matters at any time wise we might take.
While we must be economical, we must
not be too penurious for the good of the work.

We have given the beginning situation
careful thought and tried to embody in
the telegram the conclusions reached.
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Synodical organization as soon as it is
possible for such to be formed, and
if this can be done while you are
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could be formed. If the State can be federated as 8 Clubs surely we cannot be discouraged too easily.

We should feel it decidedly better not to have anyone of the Presbyterial Presidents made Synodical President as you have found jealousies existing among them: let the new organization be free from any hindrance from out the start.

In order to keep within the By-Laws of the Woman's Board we urge ~~that~~ for organize, a Cause to be organized, enough new Societies to bring the total number to fifteen. In doing this you will use your own judgment as to the expenditure of both time and money so as to avoid spending ~~$5.~~ $3.00 back & sheridan if any of the ~~same~~ fifteen

ministers as well as women, interest both ~~of them~~ in the cause, showing the former clearly that the women are not paralleling the church's organization. Above all, win their sympathy for the work the women are doing. You will ask for any gift to and your women only as you find it best — going to small, weak churches, and to ~~the~~ centers. Exceptions you will certainly not do so. That is pioneer work, and ~~###~~ the Board must give over for future returns.

If you find it impossible to organize a Synodical try to prepare the way for such next October.

When the Synodical is organized we

feel it important that the three Presbyterial Presidents be there & meet the new Synodical officers and ~~& this week~~ wired for & meet such Expenses as might be necessary & secure them. This first meeting will be most important as to its spirit and we shall be glad to send a message to it if we know it's time and where to send it.

A copy of this letter, with a copy of our telegram, and your letter, are going to Mrs. Coy and you will hear less Dear from her & once-almost as soon as this reaches you.

We shall have you in our thought much and if there is any help we can give

you let us know. It is a great
Comfort ~~that~~ your experience
and helpfulness are being
used for blessing at this time.
We only ~~trust that~~ you will not
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With every cordial good wish,

Faithfully yours,

(Rev. 7.8) M. Katherine Barnett.

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Per Tele

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With every cordial good wish,

Faithfully yours,

B/M.

Laramie, Wyo., April 23, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,
and Mrs. Coy:

I have been two weeks in Wyoming and am inclosing a statement of conditions as I have boiled them down into a clarified form.

If Wyoming is to be organized any time some one from the Board should be here. There is enough jealousy between the Presbyterials now to make it impossible for them to do it.

Witness the fact that last fall when Mrs. Silverthorn was here, Laramie and Sheridan, refused to come at Mrs. Swan's request to organize. At that time I think they regarded Mrs. Silverthorn as really from Colorado instead of the Board of the North West. We have other weak states and Wyoming resents that she is one of the few not organized.

They can meet at Cheyenne, the Presbyterial (Cheyenne has only one society) but Mrs. Long can not afford to come and she is the one who has done most for Wyoming. I think she would come to Synodical in the fall but could not both times.

My trip is just beginning but I have seen all three Presidents and felt if you were going to help in expenses perhaps I ought to know authoritively soon. In the meantime I will continue the trip.

Certainly I felt also it was a hard thing to do. Only Mrs. Long had any dates planned. Each president blamed the other. Cheyenne wrote me they could not afford to have me at Presbyterial and had planned no itinerary. Said they liked me personally but there was a split in the church, etc. I wrote I have to come there anyway to changes cars, and would go to the Hotel at my own expense, not the Board, so I might see them, which I did. I felt you would waive the speakers amount under the circumstances as it seemed necessary to find out how they stood on Synodical matters. They were mad at both presidents, but seem allright now, so I believe it paid. They had three meetings for me after all and a conference after I got there to organize it . There was no time to write even for permission to release them from the speakers amount. I hated to do that before and you will be glad to know they grew so enthusiastic that the local pledged $79 at one meeting and gave me $5 for Presbyterial expense. At all local

womens meetings, Presbyterials, in methods, literature and information I have represented both Boards. At womens meetings I have talked always some on war conditions abroad and asked for a "garment gift" for the foreign. The B. of the S. W. idea of giving up the value of one garment this year, and also helped in apportionment etc. Sheridan increased her pledge.

Now can each of you please wire me c/o of Mrs. M. C. Brown, Laramie, any time, whether you wish me to call the Presidents together before the 15th of May? I must leave the state soon after, and if I am to organize this poor weak state tell me also if you will pay Mrs. Long's expenses to the meeting. Otherwise until I hear I will do nothing, but try to make local dates and organize as many as possible.

If you vote no, Wyoming will try to wait I am sure and I will show them how impossible I often feel it would be.

I can at least assure you of my best efforts in behalf of both Boards.

Sincerely,

Abby H. J. Upham

P. S. I have visited already the weakest points in Sheridan before and after Presbyterial. They want me back very badly for the four others, but if you want to save expense that amount would help if you prefer to use it for Mrs. Long. I believe they need strengthening, however, and hope I can go for their sake. A. H. U.

MAY 8 - 1916
REC'D
ANS'D
BY

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST
Presbyterian Offices, Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Ave.
CHICAGO

"Salvation through Jesus Christ not only a treasure, but as well a trust."

Given by Miss Hyatt

E. G. L.

May 4, 1916.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs.Bennett:

Mrs.Coy has just sent me the messages regarding Miss Upham's work in Wyoming.

You were quite right in your understanding that it is the desire of the Board of the Northwest that Wyoming be organized Synodically while Miss Upham is there, if this be possible. Mrs.Coy had written to Miss Upham to this effect while acting President and I think Miss Upham will understand that such is our wish.

I am not sending any further word to Miss Upham, since your communications meet conditions so fully and certainly have our approval.

The question of finances. other than Miss Upham's expenses, would necessarily need to be taken up by our Executive Committee, and I will present this matter at the earliest opportunity.

Very sincerely yours,

Nina M. Williamson
President.

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